

## Press Release

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## Navy F-35 Home Basing Environmental Impact Statement Release Expected in Spring

The U.S. Navy now plans to release the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects that may result from home basing the Navy F-35C (Joint Strike Fighter) at either Naval Air Facility (NAF) El Centro, Calif., or Naval Air Station (NAS) Lemoore, Calif., sometime in the Spring of 2014. This document was originally planned for release late in calendar year 2013, but factors including the government shutdown and furloughs of federal workers earlier in the year have caused a delay in completion and release of the document.

Once released, the Final EIS will be made available in local libraries and on the project website (<a href="www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com">www.navyf35cwestcoasteis.com</a>). No earlier than 30 days following the release of the Final EIS, a Record of Decision will be issued by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment).